

Minutes of the Meeting of the Lake Watch of Lake Martin Annual Meeting

Location of Meeting: New Waters Farms, 460 Civitan Rd. Dadeville, AL 36853

Present at the Meeting: Sign in Sheet Available

The annual meeting of Lake Watch of Lake Martin began with registration from 1:30 to 2 pm on February 18, 2024, and was officially called to order at 2 pm by President Matt Campbell.

I. Welcome to Members

Members were welcomed, special guests were recognized, monitors, officers, and directors were also acknowledged.

II. Election of Officers and Board Members

The officers and directors are elected by general membership, and current officers and directors are still in their term of office. However, Myrna Lehman has chosen to step down as a director. Joe Logan has volunteered to take over her position. The remaining officers and directors should be confirmed. A motion was made to accept these positions, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Current officers and board members:

President and Director: Matt Campbell

Vice President and Director: Bill Butler

Treasurer and Director: Dave Maddox

Secretary and Director: Cheryl Losik

Immediate Past President and Director: Eric Ruetebuch

Additional Directors: Diana Porter, Joanne Walker, Chuck Jerolman, Harry Denegre, Dr. John Clements, Dale Campo, Joe Logan

There was an encouragement for new board and committee members to join to continue to keep the organization strong.

III. Presentation of Awards

President Matt Campbell gave a description of the first awards to be given, namely the Bronson Environmental Stewardship Award. This was presented to two members—Myrna Lehman and Joanne Walker.

President Campbell gave a description of the second award to be given, the Woodfin Martin Award, which was presented to Dr. John Clements.

IV. **Treasurer's Report and 2024 Budget Recommendation**

Current treasury report and budget report presented by Dave Maddox.

In 2023:

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| 11,891.38 | Created in revenue |
| 7,027.14 | Used in expenditures |
| 10,151.91 | Currently in bank |

The amount that the organization currently has is enough to pay for chemicals needed for testing with \$5,000 left for emergencies.

Copies of the treasury report were placed in the back of the room, available for member to take.

Question: Since we received grants for the current R-card biology tests, are the grants renewable?

President Campbell explained how the grants worked at that it was unknown if the would be renewable.

Additional renewal was going to be needed for Wild Apricot Software, which is paid bi-yearly and will need to be expanded due to membership expanding as well.

Motion was made to approve the report, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The membership report showed that we are growing in members, but need to grow faster. Mr. Maddox asked members to provide an email address of someone who might join. One email will be sent to garner interest. Members were asked to go to the website and send information on to Dave Maddox.

V. **Keynote Address**

Mr. Eric Reutebuch introduced the Keynote speaker, Mike Kensler, Director, Auburn University Office of Sustainability. He spoke on Sustainability as a Core Value and Strategic Imperative, Auburn University and Beyond.

VI. Lake Watch Program Reports

Eric Reutebuch – Swim Alert: Mr. Reutebuch showed how many different swimming areas were using the bacterial testing to show the cleanliness of the areas, and how many times the link to the information was accessed. He reminded everyone to check at www.lakewatch.org.

Ann Campbell – Monitor's Program: Mrs. Campbell gave the statistics for the number of members actively monitoring the lake's waters bacterially and chemically, and reminded monitors to get their needed supplies for their kits before leaving.

Dr. John Clements – Bacteriological Monitoring on the Tallapoosa Tributary Streams: Dr. Clements gave a very thorough run down of finding problematic areas with the streams that feed into our lake and what it takes to find sources of pollution.

VII. Announcements, Question and Answers, and Adjourn

President Campbell stepped back up to make finishing announcements.

Lake Martin HOBOS Annual Breakfast Meeting is being held on March 16, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Dadeville

Tallapoosa River Fest will take place on June 1, 2024 for kayakers and canoeists. We will look into possibly setting up a booth.

Alabama Rivers Alliance Water Rally will take place March 15-17th

Alabama Water Watch annual meeting will take place soon.

Several questions regarding testing spots (such as near the new construction) were asked and answered.

There will be a Bingo Night every Tuesday in April for LWLM at Niffer's. Come eat at 5 and play Bingo at 6 to support the group.

The meeting was adjourned by Matt Campbell at 4:15 pm. Snacks, soft drinks, and socializing continued after the adjournment.

Minutes submitted by Cheryl Losik.